

# Conditions of Play 2026



WBT SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFIER, DURBANVILLE BC, CAPE TOWN

## Singles

- » 4-Bowl Singles
- » Played in 16 sections of 4 players and on a league basis with the section winners progressing to the play-off stages.
- » ***The 16 section winners will NOT take part in the Pairs event.***

## Pairs

- » 2-Bowl Pairs played on a knock-out basis.
- » The 48 remaining players who have not qualified for the singles play-off stages, will progress to the pairs event.
- » 24 Teams will be formed according to the players position on the PBA ranking system on the Fairtree Bowls Master app, as determined before the start of the tournament.
- » No. 1 & 2 to play together, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 etc.
- » The top 8 ranked teams automatically progresses to the last 16.
- » The next 16 teams to play a knock-out game to reach the last 16.

# Format

- Set Play
- 2 Sets of 9 ends per game with a 3-end tiebreaker if the sets are shared. **Only the singles final will be played over 2 sets of 11 ends.**
- **IN SINGLES SECTIONAL PLAY** all 9 ends of a set must be completed and the shots recorded.
- **DURING PLAY-OFFS**, a set will be decided if at any point it becomes impossible for one player/team to draw or win the set given the number of ends remaining.
- Before start of the game, the opponents shall toss a coin and the winner of the toss has the option to play first or transfer the start to the opposition.
- Winner of set 1 play first in set 2.
- Burnt ends not to be replayed- Jack to be placed at the 2m spot, EXCEPT FOR THE THIRD END(ONLY) of a match tiebreaker, when each player/pair will be entitled to “kill/burn” the end once, with the end being replayed.
- Players must clearly declare to the marker & opponent an intention to kill the end, by making the crossed arm(X) signal, prior to the delivery of each bowl.
- One trial end in each direction is allowed before the start of the game but players are also allowed to practice on their rink as soon as it becomes available.

## TIEBREAKER

- If the game is tied after the two sets have been completed (each player having won a set or both sets have been drawn), a tiebreaker consisting of three ends must be played to decide the winner (Best out of 3- NOT SHOTS)
- In the tiebreaker, the player/pair winning the toss will have the option to keep the mat or give it away on the FIRST & THIRD end(assuming it goes to a 3rd end)
- The loser of the toss then has the choice to keep the mat or give it away on the SECOND end.

## SCORING- Singles sectional play

- 1 Point for each game won
- A total of 3 points per player is available during sectional play. The winner of the section shall be determined as follows:  
The player with the highest number Win points >Sets won >Shot Aggregate & if still equal >the winner of the game between the 2 players.

**The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the Playing Schedule & Conditions of Play at any time if required**